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QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Considering that the international community is celebrating this year the twentieth anniversary of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV),

Bearing in mind that the Fifth and the Sixth Summits of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held in Sri Lanka and Cuba, in 1976 and 1979, respectively, reaffirmed the right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence,

Having examined the chapter and other relevant documents of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the territory,

Taking into consideration the (recent) ^{date} communique of the Council of Ministers of Portugal, in which the Administering Power reaffirms the right of the people of East Timor to self-determination,

Taking also into consideration the Portuguese government diplomatic initiative with a view to find a comprehensive solution to the problem of East Timor.

Deeply concerned at the continuing suffering of the people of East Timor as a result of the situation of hostilities still prevailing in the territory,

Having heard the statements by the Representative of Portugal as the Administering Power, and of Indonesia,

Having also heard the statements by various East Timorese petitioners, and of Non-Governmental Organizations, as well as the Representative of the Frente Revolucionaria de Timor Leste Independente - FRETILIN,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960;
2. Declares that the people of East Timor must be enabled freely to determine their own future (with ~~direct participation of the entire~~ population of the territory; *under the auspices of UN*);
3. Welcomes the Portuguese Government initiative as a first step towards the free exercise by the people of East Timor of their right to

overall settlement of the ^{paper} East Timor question

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self-determination and independence, and urges all parties directly concerned to cooperate fully with a view to create the conditions for a speedy implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

4. Expresses its deepest concern at the continuing suffering of the people of East Timor as a result of the situation still prevailing in the territory;

5. Requests the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund - UNICEF - and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - UNHCR - to render, within their respective field of competence, all possible assistance to the people of East Timor, particularly the children;

6. Requests the Secretary General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, on all aspects of the situation in East Timor, particularly, the political developments as related to paragraphs 1, 2, 4;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session an item entitled "Question of East Timor".

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